



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	NEU Station 61 Infrastructure Improvements		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE NEU Station 61-Loma Rica 11485 Loma Rica Rd., Marysville, CA 95901	COUNTY	Nevada
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will involve installing one 30,000-gallon water tank on NEU Station 61-Loma Rica state property and expanding the southeast parking area by adding four additional parking spots. The existing Browns Valley Irrigation District (BVID) pipes running along Loma Rica Road will be plumbed to the new tank by BVID free-of-charge. Tank will be placed on a gravel pad in NW corner of parcel. A 12-foot-wide road will be installed from Loma Rica Road to the Station's lower parking lot to increase ingress and egress of equipment and water tank usage. Less than 1 acre of soil will be disrupted for all project work. Disrupted areas will be backfilled to original grade, which will prevent any change in drainage pattern. Six trees along north edge of parcel will be removed to provided space for overhead and underground utility lines.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 3, and 4
- §15301 Existing Facilities
 - §15303 (e) New Construction
 - §15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
 - Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3, (New Construction) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). All project activities will occur within previously disturbed areas. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, utilities and service systems, or to wildfire risks. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the Nevada-Yuba-Placer Headquarters in Auburn.

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